

Rankings Up, Down For UMW

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

The Good:

According to U.S. News and World Report's 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges," the University of Mary Washington is No. 8 in the "Universities-Masters" category, which is for institutions that offer masters' program but none or very few doctoral programs.

There are 130 universities in the regional category, and 572 across the country, according to a university news release.

But this ranking is nothing new: Last year, UMW received the same ranking in "America's Best Colleges."

Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment, said U.S. News and World Report often ends up being biased toward private universities, because they look at the resources expended on each student.

"Public schools tend to spend less," he said, noting that private institutions often have more money to spend per student because of higher tuitions.

"The fact that we do as well as we do is really remarkable," he said.

But U.S. News and World Report isn't the only publication giving the University high marks: The Fiske Guide to Colleges lists UMW as one of the "best buys" among public institutions.

Also, Barron's Profiles of American Colleges named the University among the top 174 most selective schools in the country.

"U.S. News and Princeton Review capture a lot of headlines when they come out, but there are dozens of other reputable publications that feature Mary Washington," Wilder said.

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Andrew Decker/Bullet

Mason Frisbee Players Reunite

Sophomores Chris Russell (left) and Ricky Snoots play a game of ultimate frisbee on Jefferson Square Wednesday afternoon. The two were regular players last year on the Randolph-Mason beach.



Dan Cox/Bullet

David Sing and Stacy Carney, police communications officers, assign parking decals in the Underground.

New Deck Underway, Spaces Are Scarce

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

At 6 a.m. Thursday morning, parking lots 10 and 11 in the Sunken Road North Lot will be closed to make way for the new parking deck, taking with them 161 student parking spaces.

This loss coupled with the gain of 24 additional student parking spaces leaves the total number of student spaces at 808.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 1,216 parking passes were sold, creating a ratio of three cars to every two spaces.

"We don't limit the number of parking passes issued because we generally find residential students have enough room to park," said James

Snipes, chief of police. "This year may be a glaring difference because of the construction of the new parking deck."

Of the 161 spaces lost in the North Sunken Lot, 73 were upper class spaces, 66 were sophomore and 22 were commuter.

This loss of parking spaces has set off a wave of parking space shifts.

According to Snipes, 45 spaces in the Williams Street Lot, lot 30, have been changed from commuter parking to sophomore parking and 24 faculty parking spots in the Jefferson Lot, lot 26, have been switched to commuter parking.

As parking becomes scarce, students may have to park elsewhere.

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The Search Is On

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

On Aug. 25, the presidential search advisory committee posted the first presidential search in the publication, *Diverse*, followed by announcements in other publications, including *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*.

"Dr. John Kuhnle, our search consultant at Korn/Ferry, also started contacting his considerable list of potential candidates at that time of going public," said Mona Albertine, rector of the Board of Visitors.

The announcement has been public for eight days and is already generating considerable feedback.

"I cannot give specifics about who is

applying," Albertine said. "But I will [say] there seems to be a lot of interest and I am confident that we are going to have an impressive list to consider."

The announcement, coming almost six months after President William Anderson announced his plans to retire on June 30, 2006, is a job description, utilizing information collected from public forums last spring.

The announcement said UMW is looking for "an effective and collegial leader." Among the qualifications listed, the candidate must have experience in administration and institutional planning as well as a commitment to education and an understanding of diversity.

A review of possible candidates will begin in October and the presidential search committee will be accepting applications until the position has been filled.

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Banner Blamed For Deletions

By AMANDA CRISSUP
Copy Editor

Three hundred and fifty students live in the UMW Apartments. However, very few people know their apartment phone numbers.

"I was talking to my mom and was like, 'We have a phone, we just don't have a phone number,'" said senior Katelyn Ouellette.

Ouellette consulted the phone directory, only to discover that her phone number wasn't listed at all. Neither is anyone else's who lives in the Apartments.

"The apartments are still considered to be on campus housing so it just makes sense to

me that the apartment [phone] numbers would be listed in the student directory," Ouellette said.

The phone numbers weren't left out on purpose, Virginia Ashley, assistant director of the department of information technologies said. A computer glitch with the new Banner system lead to the omission of the entire UMW Apartments phone numbers from the 6,000 campus phone directories.

"In order to get anything out, we have programmers that are having to write reports because that doesn't come with the software."

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Sunny

High: 91
Low: 64



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Sunny

High: 93
Low: 62



SATURDAY
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Verbatim...

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May 20—At 10:06 a.m. police received reports that between May 13 and 20, two Dell laptop computers were stolen from a cabinet in Chandler Hall. One laptop, valued at \$1,000, was entered into the National Crime Database while the other, valued at \$500, was not. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

May 22: At 1:48 p.m., Sgt. Joseph Samuels, while on foot patrol around the area of the Alumni Executive Center, observed five males who appeared to be helping another male walk. Jesus Avila Serrano, a 28-year-old male resident of Prince Edward Street, Fredericksburg, was arrested for public intoxication.

May 22—At 7:09 p.m., police received a report of an unknown chemical smell coming from Willard Hall. Police evacuated the building and called the Fredericksburg Fire Department. According to police, the smell emanated from the air conditioner's chilling unit. Students were allowed back into the building after it was ventilated. The chiller unit was repaired.

May 24—At 7:55 a.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Willard Hall reported to police that the front windshield and back window of her car were broken. According to police, the student last saw her vehicle intact May 22. Police said the vehicle appeared to have been struck by a blunt instrument. Damages are estimated at \$1,000. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

June 11—At 6:05 a.m., police received a call about smoke billowing from the temporary boiler at Willard Hall. According to police, students evacuated Willard Hall and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to shut off the boiler. Facilities services arrived to fix the boiler and students were allowed back in the building after ventilation.

June 12—At 3:30 p.m., Sgt. Joseph Samuels was dispatched to Pollard Hall where he found a male passed out and drunk in the covered walkway. According to police, Samuels located an opened 22-oz. can of Budweiser beer on the ground next to the intoxicated male. Upon awakening, 37-year-

old Ronald Ross Hambly was arrested for public intoxication and was issued a trespass warning.

July 6—At 2:05 p.m., a female professor in Combs Hall slipped in a puddle of water on the third floor and injured her left wrist. According to police, the female was transported to Mary Washington Hospital and students cleaned up the water, which had leaked from the ceiling.

July 21—At 7:45 a.m., facilities services reported to police that the glass on the face of the clock at Woodard Campus Center was broken. Damages were estimated at \$200 and there was no sign of what was used to break the glass. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

July 25—At 12:05 p.m., police received reports that a red emergency phone, valued at \$10, was taken from outside room 105 in Chandler Hall. The phone had not been removed for repair. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

July 29—A 22-year-old female resident of the UMW Apartments flagged down Sgt. Scott Worley, who was on foot patrol. According to police, the female saw someone peeping into her bedroom window and her boyfriend chased the male suspect through the complex. Worley searched the area and contacted the Fredericksburg Police Department for assistance. Upon arriving, the Fredericksburg Police set up a perimeter and had a canine unit run a track. The canine unit tracked the suspect to Winchester Street where Fredericksburg police detained him and transported him back to the Apartments, where the victim positively identified him. Paul Joseph Angeles, a 46-year-old resident of Springfield, was arrested for peeping into a structure.

Aug. 8—At 8:50 p.m., Sgt. Timothy Connolly discovered two cement flower pots on the front porch of duPont Hall which sustained vandalism damages valued at \$420. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Aug. 10—At 11:09 p.m., police received reports that a custom-made charcoal grill, valued at \$119, was stolen from outside of Klein Theater. According to police, on Aug. 2, four facilities services said they had removed the grill from the premises due to lack of use. The grill was returned.

Aug. 15—At 12:51 p.m., a University employee at Brompton was mowing a steep grade when he fell off of the lawnmower. According to police, the 63-year-old staff member caught his leg on a piece of metal and severely lacerated his leg. The male was transported to Mary Washington Hospital.

Aug. 24—At 11:49 p.m., police responded to assist the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad for an ankle injury. A 17-year-old male resident of Alvey Hall injured his ankle while playing capture the flag in Ball Circle.

Aug. 25—At 4:15 p.m., a 17-year-old male resident of Russell Hall was injured while playing basketball on the Marshall hill basketball court. The student was hit in the nose with the ball and was transported to Mary Washington Hospital.

Aug. 26—At 12:57 p.m., a 42-year-old male resident of Fredericksburg was distributing menus and coupons on campus for a Chinese restaurant without authorization. Police ordered him not to return while soliciting.

Aug. 28—At 4:16 a.m., police received a report that a 17-year-old male resident fell out of his loft bed, lacerating his head. The student was transported to Mary Washington Hospital emergency room.

Aug. 28—At 5:13 a.m., a 21-year-old female resident of Willard Hall discovered an unknown female rummaging through her drawers. Residence life discovered the unknown female to be a 22-year-old resident of the same building who claimed to have been sleepwalking at the time. Residence life is handling the matter.

Aug. 28—At 10:18 p.m., police were called to assist residence life in an administrative search of two fourth-floor rooms in Mason Hall believed to have drugs. According to police, residence life personnel searched the two rooms and found a small zippered bag containing a smoking pipe, a small baggie of prepackaged marijuana, a sock containing a smoking device and a plastic bag containing an unknown plant substance, a digital scale with residue and a small locked safe, which contained several small baggies of marijuana.

University Wages Under Investigation

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

The University of Mary Washington is considering raising the salaries of its lowest-paid classified employees. On the heels of a student protest, a committee formed to investigate compensation at the University.

This summer, the committee has been looking into market conditions in Fredericksburg city and Spotsylvania and Stafford counties. They're looking at the classified employees in those areas and will compare that data to the salaries of University employees.

"If Stafford and Spotsylvania are hiring a groundskeeper and they're paying more money than we are, then they're more likely to get the candidates or our people are likely to leave and work for them," said Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, who also serves as chair of the committee.

At the end of the semester, the group held what Hurley called a "get-acquainted, organizational meeting." The group will meet again soon.

The group looked at market conditions as a reason to give to the commonwealth to adjust salaries.

"Everyone does understand that we can't use living wage as a reason to adjust salaries, but we can use market conditions," Hurley said.

If the data suggest a discrepancy between University wages and local government wages, workers could receive pay raises as early as November 25, the time for annual pay raises at the University.

According to figures from University of Mary Washington human resources department, 30 groundskeepers and housekeepers make \$17,610. These are the University's lowest-paid classified employees.

Kristine Campbell, director of human resources in Spotsylvania, said an entry-level groundskeeper position earns \$21,170 annually.

In Fredericksburg, an entry-level groundskeeper position, called "Park Maintenance I" earns \$27,145 annually, according to Stacy Beverly, senior personnel specialist.

Stafford county officials were unable to be contacted.

Junior Andrew Lamar, president of the University of Mary Washington College Republicans, is serving as one of the student voices on the committee.

Lamar said he believed all workers deserved a fair wage, but the level of that wage is not clear.

"The study's going to help us better understand that," Lamar said.

Hurley also talked about the ramifications of raising the lowest-paid employees' salaries.

"If you increase one salary," Hurley said, "you may have to increase a second because the

second position should earn more than the lower one being increased."

The committee will make a recommendation to President Anderson if the data they gathered suggest they should increase wages.

But the question remains, Will the University be able to pay for wage increases?

"Ultimately, the final issue is whether or not the University can find the funds to cover the cost," Hurley said. "That remains to be seen. The source of funds will be determined when we determine whether or not we can afford to implement the recommendation."

Hurley did say, however, that the money won't come from the University's endowment.

Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics and committee member, told *The Bulletin* in April that the University can take three different roads to increase salaries: cutting faculty salaries, reducing program spending or raising tuition.

"There is no magic pot of money that can be tapped for free," Greenlaw said in April.

When asked if he would support a tuition increase to boost wages, Lamar said, "I would support whatever lawmakers feel is the best way to fund a fair wage."

Patrick McGowan, a member of the committee and one of last year's protesters, told *The Bulletin* in April that he believed tuition wouldn't need to go up.

"I think money is available from other sources," he said.

The committee comes as part of an agreement made by Hurley and Chirico with members of the student Living Wage Coalition, when five students from the group chained themselves together in Hurley's office.

The students said they wouldn't leave until the University granted a \$10 campus-wide minimum wage to all classified and contracted employees. They left a few hours later after agreeing to form the committee.

Student protesters also wanted to raise the wages of contracted employees, those who are not employed directly by the state but by companies contracted by the University. These workers include dining services employees, design services and post-office workers.

Since these workers are not paid by the state, the salary negotiations are made with the companies who employ the worker.

According to Hurley, the contract with Sodexo is negotiated yearly in the spring, which is when the workers would see the raises, if they are deemed necessary.

The committee is comprised of six students, Brittany Stansberry, Andrew Lamar, Ashley Matthews, Patrick McGowan and Phil Arnone; two faculty members, Steve Watkins and Steve Greenlaw; three administrators, Bernard Chirico, Chip German and committee chair Rick Hurley; and one classified employee, Joanie Wilson.

Rankings Released Are Times Good Or Bad, Happy Or Sad?

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The Bad:

Senior Frank Pulco, SGA president, says he isn't unhappy.

"We're the best in the world," he said. "No one's better...Where can you go to see so many smiling faces and so many happy people, other than Mary Washington?"

But according to the Princeton Review, Pulco's happiness is an anomaly: The Princeton Review recently ranked the University of Mary Washington No. 3 on its list of schools with the unhappiest students in the nation.

The Princeton Review surveys 361 colleges and universities in a number of different categories, including "Students Most Nostalgic for Reagan," "Students Ignore God on a Regular Basis" and "Their Students Never Stop Studying."

"Our survey is qualitative and anecdotal," says the Princeton Review's Web site. "While this approach means we sometimes blow a result...most of our results are confirmed by feedback we get from alums, current students, counselors and prospective students who visit the campuses."

Senior Ethan Fenichel wanted to know whether the rankings reflected students' unhappiness with the school, or whether it was general depression.

"That's what I want to know," Fenichel said. "You can be unhappy with the school and still be happy. Depression is not really the school's fault."

Fenichel said he was "constantly" frustrated with the school's administration, but "no more than anybody else."

Junior Eva Wolberg agreed.

"It's kind of ambiguous. I think college kids are depressed in general," Wolberg said.

Wilder said he "couldn't even begin to speculate," about why University students might say they're unhappy, but he said the University's retention rate speaks louder than the Princeton Review's rankings.

"We have one of the highest retention and graduation rates in Virginia," Wilder said. "If students were unhappy they would transfer. The vast majority of students who enter here go through the four-year program."

The Princeton Review also ranked UMW No. 2 on "Students Dissatisfied with Financial Aid."

But senior Bryce Davenport, who's taken out loans to pay for his own education, wasn't dissatisfied.

"That sort of thing is hard to quantify," he said. "It's also got one of the cheapest tuitions of public schools in Virginia." The Princeton Review puts out a guide annually that includes statistics about colleges nationwide.

The guide also ranked the University of Mary Washington No. 19 for "Long lines and red tape," No. 3 for "Homogenous student population" and No. 10 for "Little race/class interaction." But the Princeton Review's rankings aren't all bad: the guide ranks UMW at No. 19 for "Most Politically Active" and lists it on its "Best of the Southeast" category.



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Editorial Remember, It Could Always Be Worse

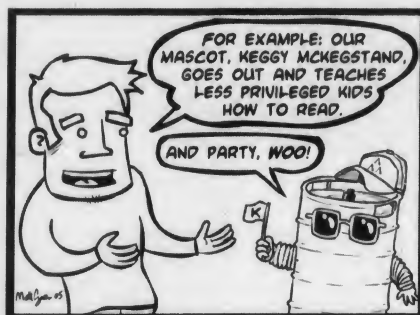
For students on the small, remote campus of the University of Mary Washington it may be easy to overlook the tragedies that plague the rest of the nation. We find ourselves safe and sound in our dorm rooms, apartments or houses. We are able to grab a bite to eat when we feel hungry and take a shower when necessary.

Unfortunately, the people in the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama region aren't so lucky. The death toll as a product of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is still climbing and the cities are in ruins. People are stranded on top of their homes, on top of their neighbors' homes, in make-shift rafts floating down the new river that has permeated the area, waiting anxiously for someone, anyone, to come and help them or feed them.

Katrina is being called one of the costliest storms ever to hit the United States, and it's certainly the worst one we can remember in our lifetimes. The catastrophe of Katrina has left the city of New Orleans alone 80 percent under water with no clear date as to when that water will be completely removed.

These are sobering facts, we know.

So next time you begin spouting off about Seacobeck food, small community showers, hall bathrooms, and \$150 parking decals, just remember: you could be hungry, dirty, swimming in sewage and never able to see your car again.



Cartoon by Matt Czapiewski

We Need Greek Life

By ALEX RAUBICHECK
Guest Columnist

When one first arrives at Mary Washington, he or she is most certainly in a state of aesthetic awe. The nearly 100-year-old campus is a gem of a sight, proudly sporting its Jeffersonian brick upon the pristine, rolling landscape. On some days, in particular during Virginia's almost non-existent season of spring, it is easily forgotten that this is a highly demanding liberal arts college, recently turned university. Yet, besides the quality education in the classrooms and the kids playing Frisbee in ball circle, you wouldn't know it any other way.

Upon landing in Fredericksburg my freshman year, I knew no one at the college. I wasn't recruited to play a sport, and besides the information in my admissions folder, I had no previous relationship with the school.

With exceptions to the daily routine of going to class, meeting new people and going to house parties on the weekends, I felt incredibly disconnected from Mary Washington. The on-campus social scene hardly attracted my interest, and it became very evident that the town does not welcome college students with open arms. I found myself idle and bored too often, longing to be apart of something bigger and more meaningful. Though it was only my first semester, the idea of transferring to another school became less and less foreign. This is when I first heard of Psi Upsilon.

The absence of Greek life on Mary Washington's campus was a mere insignificance to me, but this soon changed. I was made aware of an "underground" fraternity that has existed here for the past ten years, and I decided to inquire. Sure enough, a nationally chartered chapter of the fifth oldest fraternity in the United States (Psi Upsilon was founded at Union College in 1833) happened to be the school's best kept secret.

After some hesitation about joining—after all, these guys were not a recognized group of students on campus—I decided to pledge, and it became the best decision I ever made. And since

I was doing this for the friendships and the involvement, not the extravagant parties or social reputation (common reasons for pledging Greek organizations at many schools), the experience became even more enriching. Through the process, my five pledge brothers and I gained an identity so strong, we knew it would last forever.

As a brother, I have seen our chapter grow immensely over the past year. We hosted numerous philanthropic events, including a holiday party last fall to which guests were asked to bring a can of food (or subsequently donate a dollar) to help feed those in need. In total, we collected over 900 pounds of canned goods, which were donated to the Fredericksburg Food Bank.

In addition, our chapter purchased Christmas gifts for underprivileged children and was a major player in the UMW Charity Poker Tournament last spring. Our largest effort, however, came in response to the Tsunami disaster in Asia, for which we hosted a party that raised \$1,700. Psi Upsilon was, by far, the most active group of UMW students to respond to this tragedy, as over 700 people came in support of this cause. This money was then donated to the on-campus fund benefiting a small church in Sri Lanka. We also hosted other large social events and increased chapter size, grade-point average and morale.

Despite our efforts, however, the University's administration continues to not only turn its back on us, but even go out of its way to try to derail our existence. Instead of promoting our positive actions, they continue to take pride in the fact that Mary Washington does not recognize Greek organizations. But why?

The easy answer, of course, is to resort to the common stereotype and claim that Greek life is just an excuse for keg parties and debauchery. While this has some truth to it—many large universities are notorious for their wild "frat

rows"—it is mostly a misconception, one that is associated with fraternities and sororities much too often. This label, though occasionally accurate, has given Greek life a negative reputation on many college campuses, most certainly including Mary Washington. As a result, many young men and women miss out on a rare opportunity to gain an identity greater than just that of a college student, as the benefits of a strong brotherhood or sisterhood are endless.

The Princeton Review recently ranked the colleges across the country with the "least happy students," and I was shocked to find Mary

Washington third on the list, only trailing the United States Coast Guard Academy and the Colorado School of Mines. I knew that a lot of people were unhappy with the social scene at our school, but I had no idea that a beautiful liberal arts college could produce so many discontented students. Without any doubt, this is a cry for help, and it is time for the administration take

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notice.

The University of Mary Washington is ideal for Greek life. It is, of course, not for everyone, but there are plenty of students here looking for another element in their college lives. There are too many kids that graduate from this school who haven't the slightest clue what they want to do with their futures, and the addition of fraternities and sororities would help this dilemma. Being in Psi Upsilon has given me the opportunity to lead a group of young men toward bigger and better things, a task I take great pride in and one that will be cherished forever. This is an opportunity that should be available to all. It is time for the University of Mary Washington to earn its newfound title, and to think outside of the rectangle.

Alex Raubicheck is a history major and an avid baseball fan.

Parking Permit Prices Pretty High

By KATIE TELLER
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I normally follow the rules.

When my friends get speeding tickets and say how much they hate the police, I'm the cocky one that jumps in and says, "The cop was doing his job. Just don't speed."

And all last year, when people whined about parking tickets, I said, "Suck it up, buy a freaking parking sticker and park legally."

But I've changed my tune. I think.

The board of visitors voted to raise the price of stickers to \$150, not that \$100 was a great bargain or anything. The board raised tuition, as well, in a double low blow. Thanks, guys.

The thing is, I understand the need to build a parking garage. Really, I do. And I know that the decals are financing that parking garage. I understand money is tight. Our endowment though it's gone way up is still small compared to the endowments of bigger universities. I

understand that money and the growth of the institution don't always move at the same pace, that money is finite and that it has to come from somewhere. And I understand students at other schools sometimes have to pay more than \$150 a year.

I understand.

But I have to help finance something I'm never even going to use? By the time the garage is built, the University of Mary Washington (and the Commonwealth of Virginia) is going to be in my rearview mirror.

I'm a little miffed about this. It's kind of like Social Security, except in this case the older generation is financing the younger generation.

Not driving, like the administration often

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May 20—At 10:06 a.m., police received reports that between May 13 and 20, two Dell laptop computers were stolen from a cabinet in Chandler Hall. One laptop, valued at \$1,000, was entered into the National Crime Database while the other, valued at \$500, was not. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

May 22—At 1:48 p.m., Sgt. Joseph Samuels, while on foot patrol around the area of the Alumni Executive Center, observed five males who appeared to be helping another male walk. Jesus Avila Serrano, a 28-year-old male resident of Prince Edward Street, Fredericksburg, was arrested for public intoxication.

May 22—At 7:09 p.m., police received a report of an unknown chemical smell coming from Willard Hall. Police evacuated the building and called the Fredericksburg Fire Department. According to police, the smell emanated from the air conditioner's chilling unit. Students were allowed back into the building after it was ventilated. The chiller unit was repaired.

May 24—At 7:55 a.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Willard Hall reported to police that the front windshield and back window of her car were broken. According to police, the student last saw her vehicle intact May 22. Police said the vehicle appeared to have been struck by a blunt instrument. Damages are estimated at \$1,000. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

June 11—At 6:05 a.m., police received a call about smoke billowing from the temporary boiler at Willard Hall. According to police, students evacuated Willard Hall and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to shut off the boiler. Facilities services arrived to fix the boiler and students were allowed back in the building after ventilation.

June 12—At 3:30 p.m., Sgt. Joseph Samuels was dispatched to Pollard Hall where he found a male passed out and drunk in the covered walkway. According to police, Samuels located an opened 22-oz. can of Budweiser beer on the ground next to the intoxicated male. Upon awakening, 37-year-

old Ronald Ross Hamby was arrested for public intoxication and was issued a trespass warning.

July 6—At 2:05 p.m., a female professor in Combs Hall slipped in a puddle of water on the third floor and injured her left wrist. According to police, the female was transported to Mary Washington Hospital and students cleaned up the water, which had leaked from the ceiling.

July 21—At 7:45 a.m., facilities services reported to police that the glass on the face of the clock at Woodard Campus Center was broken. Damages were estimated at \$200 and there was no sign of what was used to break the glass. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

July 25—At 12:05 p.m., police received reports that a red emergency phone, valued at \$10, was taken from outside room 105 in Chandler Hall. The phone had not been removed for repair. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

July 29—A 22-year-old female resident of the UMW Apartments flagged down Sgt. Scott Worley, who was on foot patrol. According to police, the female saw someone peeping into her bedroom window and her boyfriend chased the male suspect through the complex. Worley searched the area and contacted the Fredericksburg Police Department for assistance. Upon arriving, the Fredericksburg Police set up a perimeter and had a canine unit run a track. The canine unit tracked the suspect to Winchester Street where Fredericksburg police detained him and transported him back to the Apartments, where the victim positively identified him. Paul Joseph Angeles, a 46-year-old resident of Springfield, was arrested for peeping into a structure.

Aug. 8—At 8:50 p.m., Sgt. Timothy Connolly discovered two cement flower pots on the front porch of duPont Hall which sustained vandalism damages valued at \$420. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Aug. 10—At 11:09 p.m., police received reports that a custom-made charcoal grill, valued at \$119, was stolen from outside of Klein Theater. According to police, on Aug. 2, four facilities services said they had removed the grill from the premises due to lack of use. The grill was returned.

Aug. 15—At 12:51 p.m., a University employee at Brompton was mowing a steep grade when he fell off of the lawnmower. According to police, the 63-year-old staff member caught his leg on a piece of metal and severely lacerated his leg. The male was transported to Mary Washington Hospital.

Aug. 24—At 11:49 p.m., police responded to assist the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad for an ankle injury. A 17-year-old male resident of Alvey Hall injured his ankle while playing capture the flag in Ball Circle.

Aug. 25—At 4:15 p.m., a 17-year-old male resident of Russell Hall was injured while playing basketball on the Marshall hill basketball court. The student was hit in the nose with the ball and was transported to Mary Washington Hospital.

Aug. 26—At 12:57 p.m., a 42-year-old male resident of Fredericksburg was distributing menus and coupons on campus for a Chinese restaurant without authorization. Police ordered him not to return while soliciting.

Aug. 28—At 4:16 a.m., police received a report that a 17-year-old male resident fell out of his loft bed, lacerating his head. The student was transported to Mary Washington Hospital emergency room.

Aug. 28—At 5:13 a.m., a 21-year-old female resident of Willard Hall discovered an unknown female rummaging through her drawers. Residence life discovered the unknown female to be a 22-year-old resident of the same building who claimed to have been sleepwalking at the time. Residence life is handling the matter.

Aug. 28—At 10:18 p.m., police were called to assist residence life in an administrative search of two fourth-floor rooms in Mason Hall believed to have drugs. According to police, residence life personnel searched the two rooms and found a small zippered bag containing a smoking pipe, a small baggie of prepackaged marijuana, a sock containing a smoking device and a plastic bag containing an unknown plant substance, a digital scale with residue and a small locked safe, which contained several small baggies of marijuana.

University Wages Under Investigation

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

The University of Mary Washington is considering raising the salaries of its lowest-paid classified employees. On the heels of a student protest, a committee formed to investigate compensation at the University.

This summer, the committee has been looking into market conditions in Fredericksburg city and Spotsylvania and Stafford counties. They're looking at the classified employees in those areas and will compare that data to the salaries of University employees.

"If Stafford and Spotsylvania are hiring a groundskeeper and they're paying more money than we are, then they're more likely to get the candidates or our people are likely to leave and work for them," said Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, who also serves as chair of the committee.

At the end of the semester, the group held what Hurley called a "get-acquainted, organizational meeting." The group will meet again soon.

The group looked at market conditions as a reason to give to the commonwealth to adjust salaries.

"Everyone does understand that we can't use living wage as a reason to adjust salaries, but we can use market conditions," Hurley said.

If the data suggest a discrepancy between University wages and local government wages, workers could receive pay raises as early as November 25, the time for annual pay raises at the University.

According to figures from University of Mary Washington human resources department, 30 groundskeepers and housekeepers make \$17,610. These are the University's lowest-paid classified employees.

Kristine Campbell, director of human resources in Spotsylvania, said an entry-level groundskeeper position earns \$21,170 annually.

In Fredericksburg, an entry-level groundskeeper position, called "Park Maintenance 1" earns \$27,145 annually, according to Stacy Beverly, senior personnel specialist.

Stafford county officials were unable to be contacted.

Junior Andrew Lamar, president of the University of Mary Washington College Republicans, is serving as one of the student voices on the committee.

Lamar said he believed all workers deserved a fair wage, but the level of that wage is not clear.

"The study's going to help us better understand that," Lamar said.

Hurley also talked about the ramifications of raising the lowest-paid employees' salaries.

"If you increase one salary," Hurley said, "you may have to increase a second because the

second position should earn more than the lower one being increased."

The committee will make a recommendation to President Anderson if the data they gathered suggest they should increase wages.

But the question remains, Will the University be able to pay for wage increases?

"Ultimately, the final issue is whether or not the University can find the funds to cover the cost," Hurley said. "That remains to be seen. The source of funds will be determined when we determine whether or not we can afford to implement the recommendation."

Hurley did say, however, that the money won't come from the University's endowment.

Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics and committee member, told *The Bulletin* in April that the University can take three different roads to increase salaries: cutting faculty salaries, reducing program spending or raising tuition.

"There is no magic pot of money that can be tapped for free," Greenlaw said in April.

When asked if he would support a tuition increase to boost wages, Lamar said, "I would support whatever lawmakers feel is the best way to fund a fair wage."

Patrick McGowan, a member of the committee and one of last year's protesters, told *The Bulletin* in April that he believed tuition wouldn't need to go up.

"I think money is available from other sources," he said.

The committee comes as part of an agreement made by Hurley and Chirico with members of the student Living Wage Coalition, when five students from the group chained themselves together in Hurley's office.

The students said they wouldn't leave until the University granted a \$10 campus-wide minimum wage to all classified and contracted employees. They left a few hours later after agreeing to form the committee.

Student protesters also wanted to raise the wages of contracted employees, those who are not employed directly by the state but by companies contracted by the University. These workers include dining services employees, design services and post-office workers.

Since these workers are not paid by the state, the salary negotiations are made with the companies who employ the worker.

According to Hurley, the contract with Sodexo is negotiated yearly in the spring, which is when the workers would see the raises, if they are deemed necessary.

The committee is comprised of six students, Brittany Stansberry, Andrew Lamar, Ashley Matthews, Patrick McGowan and Phil Arnone; two faculty members, Steve Watkins and Steve Greenlaw; three administrators, Bernard Chirico, Chip German and committee chair Rick Hurley; and one classified employee, Joanie Wilson.

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—Rick Hurley

Rankings Released Are Times Good Or Bad, Happy Or Sad?

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The Bad:

Senior Frank Puleo, SGA president, says he isn't unhappy.

"We're the best in the world," he said. "No one's better...Where can you go to see so many smiling faces and so many happy people, other than Mary Washington?"

But according to the Princeton Review, Puleo's happiness is an anomaly: The Princeton Review recently ranked the University of Mary Washington No. 3 on its list of schools with the unhappiest students in the nation.

The Princeton Review surveys 361 colleges and universities in a number of different categories, including "Students Most Nostalgic for Reagan," "Students Ignore God on a Regular Basis" and "Their Students Never Stop Studying."

"Our survey is qualitative and anecdotal," says the Princeton Review's Web site. "While this approach means we sometimes blow a result...most of our results are confirmed by feedback we get from alumni, current students, counselors and prospective students who visit the campuses."

Senior Ethan Fenichel wanted to know whether the rankings reflected students' unhappiness with the school, or whether it was general depression.

"That's what I want to know," Fenichel said. "You can be unhappy with the school and still be happy. Depression is not really the school's fault."

Fenichel said he was "constantly" frustrated with the school's administration, but "no more than anybody else."

Junior Eva Wolfberg agreed.

"It's kind of ambiguous. I think college kids are depressed in general," Wolfberg said.

Wilder said he "couldn't even begin to speculate," about why University students might say they're unhappy, but he said the University's retention rate speaks louder than the Princeton Review's rankings.

"We have one of the highest retention and graduation rates in Virginia," Wilder said. "If students were unhappy they would transfer. The vast majority of students who enter here go through the four-year program."

The Princeton Review also ranked UMW No. 2 on "Students Dissatisfied with Financial Aid."

But senior Bryce Davenport, who's taken out loans to pay for his own education, wasn't dissatisfied.

"That sort of thing is hard to quantify," he said. "It's also got one of the cheapest tuitions of public schools in Virginia." The Princeton Review puts out a guide annually that includes statistics about colleges nationwide.

The guide also ranked the University of Mary Washington No. 19 for "Long lines and red tape," No. 3 for "Homogenous student population" and No. 10 for "Little race/class interaction." But the Princeton Review's rankings aren't all bad: the guide ranks UMW at No. 19 for "Most Politically Active" and lists it on its "Best of the Southeast" category.

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Editorial Remember, It Could Always Be Worse

For students on the small, remote campus of the University of Mary Washington it may be easy to overlook the tragedies that plague the rest of the nation. We find ourselves safe and sound in our dorm rooms, apartments or houses. We are able to grab a bite to eat when we feel hungry and take a shower when necessary.

Unfortunately, the people in the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama region aren't so lucky. The death toll as a product of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is still climbing and the cities are in ruins. People are stranded on top of their homes, on top of their neighbors' homes, in make-shift rafts floating down the new river that has permeated the area, waiting anxiously for someone, anyone, to come and help them or feed them.

Katrina is being called one of the costliest storms ever to hit the United States, and it's certainly the worst one we can remember in our lifetimes. The catastrophe of Katrina has left the city of New Orleans alone 80 percent under water with no clear date as to when that water will be completely removed.

These are sobering facts, we know.

So next time you begin spouting off about Seacobeck food, small community showers, hall bathrooms, and \$150 parking decals, just remember: you could be hungry, dirty, swimming in sewage and never able to see your car again.



Cartoonists: Mark Campbell

We Need Greek Life

By ALEX RAUBICHECK
Guest Columnist

When one first arrives at Mary Washington, he or she is most certainly in a state of aesthetic awe. The nearly 100-year-old campus is a gem of a sight, proudly sporting its Jeffersonian brick upon the pristine rolling landscape. On some days, in particular during Virginia's almost non-existent season of spring, it is easily forgotten that this is a highly demanding liberal arts college, recently turned university. Yet, besides the quality education in the classrooms and the kids playing Frisbee in ball circle, you wouldn't know it any other way.

Upon landing in Fredericksburg my freshman year, I knew no one at the college. I wasn't recruited to play a sport, and besides the information in my admissions folder, I had no previous relationship with the school.

With exceptions to the daily routine of going to class, meeting new people and going to house parties on the weekends, I felt incredibly disconnected from Mary Washington. The on-campus social scene hardly attracted my interest, and it became very evident that the town does not welcome college students with open arms. I found myself idle and bored too often, longing to be apart of something bigger and more meaningful. Though it was only my first semester, the idea of transferring to another school became less and less foreign. This is when I first heard of Psi Upsilon.

The absence of Greek life on Mary Washington's campus was a mere insignificance to me, but this soon changed. I was made aware of an "underground" fraternity that has existed here for the past ten years, and I decided to inquire. Sure enough, a nationally chartered chapter of the fifth oldest fraternity in the United States (Psi Upsilon was founded at Union College in 1833) happened to be the school's best kept secret.

After some hesitation about joining after all these guys were not a recognized group of students on campus, I decided to pledge, and it became the best decision I ever made. And since

I was doing this for the friendships and the involvement, not the extravagant parties or social reputation (common reasons for pledging Greek organizations at many schools), the experience became even more enriching. Through the process, my five pledge brothers and I gained an identity so strong, we knew it would last forever.

As a brother, I have seen our chapter grow immensely over the past year. We hosted numerous philanthropic events, including a holiday party last fall to which guests were asked to bring a can of food (or subsequently donate a dollar) to help feed those in need. In total, we collected over 900 pounds of canned goods, which were donated to the Fredericksburg Food Bank.

In addition, our chapter purchased Christmas gifts for underprivileged children and was a major player in the UMW Charity Poker Tournament last spring. Our largest effort, however, came in response to the Tsunami disaster in Asia, for which we hosted a party that raised \$1,700. Psi Upsilon was, by far, the most active group of UMW students to respond to this tragedy, as over 700 people came in support of this cause. This money was then donated to the on-campus fund benefiting a small church in Sri Lanka. We also hosted other large social events and increased chapter size, grade-point average and morale.

Despite our efforts, however, the University's administration continues to not only turn its back on us, but even go out of its way to try to derail our existence. Instead of promoting our positive actions, they continue to take pride in the fact that Mary Washington does not recognize Greek organizations. But why?

The easy answer, of course, is to resort to the common stereotype and claim that Greek life is just an excuse for keg parties and debauchery. While this has some truth to it—many large universities are notorious for their wild "frat

rows"—it is mostly a misconception, one that is associated with fraternities and sororities much too often. This label, though occasionally accurate, has given Greek life a negative reputation on many college campuses, most certainly including Mary Washington. As a result, many young men and women miss out on a rare opportunity to gain an identity greater than just that of a college student, as the benefits of a strong brotherhood or sisterhood are endless.

The Princeton Review recently ranked the colleges across the country with the "least happy students," and I was shocked to find Mary Washington third on the list, only trailing the United States Coast Guard Academy and the Colorado School of Mines. I knew that a lot of people were unhappy with the social scene at our school, but I had no idea that a beautiful liberal arts college could produce so many discontented students.

Without any doubt, this is a cry for help, and it is time for the administration take

“My five pledge brothers and I gained an identity so strong, we knew it would last forever.”

notice.

The University of Mary Washington is ideal for Greek life. It is, of course, not for everyone, but there are plenty of students here looking for another element in their college lives. There are too many kids that graduate from this school who haven't the slightest clue what they want to do with their futures, and the addition of fraternities and sororities would help this dilemma. Being in Psi Upsilon has given me the opportunity to lead a group of young men toward bigger and better things, a task I take great pride in and one that will be cherished forever. This is an opportunity that should be available to all. It is time for the University of Mary Washington to earn its newfound title, and to think outside of the rectangle.

Alex Raubicheck is a history major and an avid baseball fan.

Parking Permit Prices Pretty High

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

I normally follow the rules.

When my friends get speeding tickets and say how much they hate the police, I'm the cocky one that jumps in and says, "The cop was doing his job. Just don't speed."

And all last year, when people whined about parking tickets, I said, "Suck it up, buy a freaking parking sticker and park legally."

But I've changed my tune. I think.

The board of visitors voted to raise the price of stickers to \$150, not that \$100 was a great bargain or anything. The board raised tuition, as well, in a double low blow. Thanks, guys.

The thing is, I understand the need to build a parking garage. Really, I do. And I know that the decals are financing that parking garage. I understand money is tight. Our endowment, though it's gone way up—is still small compared to the endowments of bigger universities. I

understand that money and the growth of the institution don't always move at the same pace, that money is finite and that it has to come from somewhere. And I understand students at other schools sometimes have to pay more than \$150 a year.

I understand.

But I have to help finance something I'm never even going to use? By the time the garage is built, the University of Mary Washington (and the Commonwealth of Virginia) is going to be in my rearview mirror.

I'm a little miffed about this. It's kind of like Social Security, except in this case the older generation is financing the younger generation.

Not driving, like the administration often

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Three's Company

*Freshmen Placed in Virginia Hall Triples Survive
The First Few Days of College Life At UMW*

By **TIERNEY PLUMB**
Features Editor

A bulletin board hangs in Virginia Hall's third floor asking which of its residents have never shared a room with someone in their life.

For 84 freshman residents in Virginia Hall, they are embarking on their college journey living with not one, but two, other roommates.

"When freshman are put into this situation, it is stressful and not easy," Christine Porter, director of residence life, said. "People wonder 'how am I going to fit all this stuff?'"

Jacqui Newman and her two roommates squeezed three fans into their triple on the third floor.

"It's cooler in the morning, but with the sun it's getting pretty hot up here," Newman said.

Residence Life has already de-tripled 10 rooms since July, but 43 temporary triples still remain on campus, 28 of which are in Virginia Hall.

Since the rooms in Virginia with 14 x 13 foot dimensions were designed to accommodate the space needed for three girls in a room, residence life chose Virginia Hall to house spillover girls from its largest freshman class ever of 916.

Freshman Carly Wells from Farmwood, NJ was among the fortunate few residents in Virginia living with only one other girl, since one of her roommates dropped out before school started.

"Everyone is jealous and they walk in being like, you guys are the ones with a double," Wells said.

Despite the allure of having only one other roommate, Porter said it is not uncommon for someone to reject the option of moving from a triple to a double.

"Most students have gone in with open minds about the situation, that it might be fun," Porter said. "Of course, there are some complaints."

While the Virginia residents assigned to triples knew they would be faced with this anxiety going into freshman year, they didn't anticipate frustration to arise over their internet connections.

"Someone on third floor brought a wireless router and it's been messing up the whole hall's system," Virginia Hall resident Laura Veckerelli said.

The Department of Information and Technology was called in to fix the problem last week.

Veckerelli encountered her own technology blunder when she realized she had plugged her Ethernet cord to the phone jack.

Once the freshman overcame the initial stresses of moving in, they spent time socializing and attending events with their orientation leaders.

"My [orientation leader] was a little weird-but nice," Carly Wells said. "We met for brunch at Seacobeck the other day."

Veckerelli said she was slightly overwhelmed with the amount of activities they did all day.

"It's like they are cramming so much information into our heads," Veckerelli said. "Meetings on fire safety, sexual assault."

Bethany Philips, running for Virginia Hall third floor president, enjoyed the activities, especially the Playfair held on Thursday afternoon in Ball Circle.

"There were some crazy icebreaker activities," Philips said. "I really got into the dancing."

She has had an equally positive experience with the school food so far.

"It's better than my high school food so I think I'll be able to stand it for a year," Philips said.

Some freshmen were able to leave campus before classes started to get a taste of Fredericksburg. Last weekend the FRED transit system offered the freshman a 45-minute tour of Fredericksburg, showing them that cars aren't as necessary as they think.

But when freshman Jacqui Newman and her friends in Virginia Hall decided to eat at Chipotle Saturday night, they were stuck waiting for the Fred for an hour in the rain.

"We all had to squeeze in a taxi, and on the way home, we had to spend \$20 on a taxi van. It was ridiculous," Newman said.

Virginia resident Julie Kim has lived in Fredericksburg her entire life, and she seems to be more accustomed to the idea of living in a triple rather than not having a car.

"My mom drops me off now at school. I have friends that live right off College Avenue where they would let me park," Kim said.

So far, she has learned that living with two girls for 24 hours a day



Courtesy Dan Coo

Freshmen students moved onto campus last Wednesday.

means there will be a compromise with who cleans and takes out the trash.

"It's kind of hard though because you miss the people you've known since middle school," Kim said. "In high school people know who you are and you know what to expect."

Despite the initial shock that college has to offer—whether it be computer problems, inadequate room space, or the need for three or more fans the residents of Virginia Hall are anxiously awaiting the upcoming semester.

"I'm excited to start classes and get into the swing of things," freshman Beth Williams said. "I guess my biggest fear is the fear of the unknown."

Student Spends Semester In The East

By **JOHN COLEMAN**
Staff Writer

Peering out of the train towards the rolling hills of the rice paddy fields of central China, the scenery appeared far from exotic. China, the land halfway across the world, now seemed as normal as my recent drive from home back to college.

I arrived in the East in January to attend Lingnan University in Hong Kong.

After spending a five-month semester there, I spent a week in Beijing and decided to take a twenty-four hour train ride back to



courtesy John Coleman
John Coleman visited Koh Chang Island or "Elephant Island." A small amount of elephants inhabit the center of the island, which is completely jungle.

Hong Kong to live alone for one month.

Traveling with a good friend and Hong Kong local, Ti-ti, I toured Beijing and the surrounding area learning the history of the Forbidden Palace, seeing the remnants of Mao's Cultural Revolution in Tiananmen Square, eating the famous Beijing roast duck, and becoming a warrior atop the Great Wall. According to old Chinese tradition, walking on the wall gives one the

On the train, I realized that the semester had sped by with its ups and downs, its excitement and its contentment. I had met many friends,

attended class, and picked up a sufficient amount of Cantonese and Mandarin, which came in handy for ordering food and making simple conversation.

Hong Kong, a British colony until 1997, is diversely populated with both locals as well as a large population of expatriates, immigrants, and visitors. Walking

the streets, one would find themselves among towering apartment complexes, shopping malls, street vendors, and thick crowds of people. So much so that it houses the most densely populated region per kilometer in the entire world. Most locals speak English and travel around the city quite efficiently, due to their superior public transportation.

I often would go to the beach to camp or swim for a day, enjoy the city nightlife, watch Hong Kong cinema. Other nights I would stay at home in the hostel to play Mah Jong (a board



courtesy John Coleman

John (left), posing with a friend, spent a semester in Hong Kong.

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game) with my hall mates. During holidays I had time to travel to Thailand during the cleanup of the devastating tsunami and to Macau, which is famous for its casino and Formula One racetrack.

The food, whether it was Hong Kong, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Greek, Thai, Vietnamese, or even Pizza Hut and KFC, was amazing. Hong Kong prides itself on its love of a variety of diverse food.

As a Westerner, I initially perceived Hong Kong as an exotic place where the people, the culture, the food, were so strange. Though, as my relationships developed into friendships and everything soon felt safe and comfortable, it became my home away from home.

Perhaps the largest shock of my experience, I thought on the long train ride, was not the cultural shock experienced upon arriving to Hong Kong, but my eventual return to the United States. While it is too difficult and imprecise for me now to define the similarities and differences of both East and West, I personally felt and continue to feel both hemispheres' influence.

Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



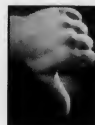
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To a two hour wait for parking passes.



To Laguna Beach's Stephen bringing L.C. flowers and candy.



To having classes on Labor Day.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@umw.edu

My Summer Abroad

By KATHLEEN COLDUELL
Staff Writer

Over the summer I was fortunate enough to travel to Krakow, Poland to immerse myself in Polish language and culture at the Jagiellonian University through the Kosciuszko Foundation. My experiences, however, surpassed what I learned in the classrooms as I was able gain valuable lessons and make life long friendships.

I first heard about the program from my mother, who had studied at the University when she was in graduate school. I was immediately interested since I am of Polish descent and I wanted to gain a better grasp of the language, specifically the grammar. I spoke Polish when I was younger, since my Babcia (Polish for grandmother) came here straight from the boat.

After going through the application process and the necessary forms, my program was approved. In the end I was able to study in Poland for six weeks, which was hardly enough time. While there I studied Polish Language, Polish History, and lessons in Polish Literature. Everything was set before I left the University of Mary Washington for the summer; all I had to do was wait.

Once I arrived in Poland on July 4th I was immediately thrown into a completely different world. We were given two days to introduce ourselves to our new surroundings and each other before classes.

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I found myself in class for nine hours a day for the first three weeks and then five hours for the remaining three weeks. Unfortunately, this left me little time to take in the breath-taking sights of Krakow, the cultural capital of not only Poland but of Eastern Europe.

Luckily, the Kosciuszko Foundation, in partnership with the Jagiellonian, University had pre-arranged trips on the weekends for the students. In total there were 601 students participating in the summer program from 49 different countries.

We visited the Old Town of Krakow which included the Sukiennice "Cloth Hall," the Barbican and Florian Gate which date back to the 1300's that lead to ulica Florianska, the oldest and most historical street in the city, museums of famous artists including the Czartoryski Museum, Piotr Michalowski, and Stanislaw Wyspianski, as well as St. Mary's Basilica which towers over the Market Square.

From the towers the famous Bugle-Call is sounded every hour over the city. Inside the Basilica holds a monumental 15th-

century masterpiece, the High Altar carved by Wit Stwosz. It was an absolutely unbelievable sight. Everyday hundreds of visitors come inside the Basilica to see the triptic altar.

Wawel Cathedral is another building on the Wawel Hill, sitting next to Wawel Castle. The present day Cathedral was consecrated in 1364, and is noted for its Renaissance Sigismundian Chapel alongside the Sigismundian Bell hanging in a tower which gives a magnificent view of the entire city.

The folklore of the Bell is if you touch it with your left hand for 30 seconds and make a wish it will come true. I'm still waiting for mine...

We also took a trip to Auschwitz. This was by far the most emotional part of my trip. I saw the concentration camp where millions of people were mass murdered during the Holocaust. I

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Kathleen Colduell visited Wawel Cathedral, home to a popular Polish folktale, and Barbican Gate (inset) in Krakow, the capital city of Poland.

courtesy Kathleen Colduell

walked in their steps to the destroyed gas chambers. I walked along the train tracks that the Nazis used to transport Poles, Jews, and Gypsies from all over Eastern Europe.

I also visited the Wieliczka Salt Mines which is one of the world's most famous salt mines and dates back to 1044. There are nine different levels that include traverses, chambers, underground salt lakes, as well as lesser and major shafts. The mines cover a 300 kilometer area, and they plummet as far as 327 meters into the ground.

Inside the mine there are large rooms that contain statues of the history of the

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THE HOROSCOPES

By KATIE TELLER & COREY BYERS
News Editor and Associate Editor

This week's birthday: (Sept. 1 to 7)

Happy birthday and welcome back to college. Your birthday coincides with the orbit of the 12th moon of Jupiter, and that could mean trouble if you hang out with a Libra this week. You're a good match with an Aquarius, but you likely won't have a chance because the stars are predicting Libra annoying you all week.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

School just started, but you haven't gotten serious yet. Do you really want to "ram" your GPA into the ground?

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

That upper-level class you're taking might be a little too much for you to handle with your crazy schedule. Drop it like it's hot.

Gemini (May 21 to June 21)

Your room is a mess, you haven't bought books yet and you've already started skipping classes. Advice from the stars: Get with it.

Cancer (June 22 to July 22)

The proverbial low road will get you nowhere. And, proverbially speaking, you'll get much better gas mileage on the high road.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Hey Speedy Gonzales, slow down a little. You drive too fast and you're asking for trouble, especially when you go down Sunken Road in the middle of the night.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

If Scorpio gets his license revoked, you (no, really, you) might actually have a chance with that Sagittarius. No, really, we're having a hard time believing it too.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Listen, Sassy McFrassy: Nobody really likes your advances, and certainly not that Virgo who's having a birthday this week.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

If you keep driving the way you do, your license is going to get revoked, and that means you won't be able to take that hot Sagittarius out on a date.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Who's got the keys to the Jeep (beep-beep)? Surely not that saucy Scorpio who needs to go to driving school.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Summer was fun, but it's time to get serious. There are generally two ways to get out of school: You can graduate or you can fail out. The way you're going, you just might crash and burn.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A neat freak might actually be a dirty bird. Use protection.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Pisces, you can't seem to avoid drama. Stay away from people who cause trouble...or you'll be swimming in rough waters, little fish.

ABOUT THE HOROSCOPES:

It happened one cold day in February. There was a hole to fill in the newspaper. There weren't enough ads and there weren't enough stories. Then Katie Teller got an idea. Horoscopes! She channeled the stars but it didn't work, so she made up a little something-something for every sign.

Corey Byers joined the horoscope staff late in the semester and helped Katie serve as a liaison between the stars and the University of Mary Washington community.

Scene



Eagle Nights Soar To UMW Saturdays

By ZACH BOWMAN
Assistant Scene Editor

For most students on campus at the University of Mary Washington, inexpensive options for entertainment on the weekends within walking distance are a choice between going out to parties and watching the same DVDs you dragged from home.

"I don't really party so that really limits what there is to do," said sophomore Maggie Simeone. "I like to watch movies with my friends. If you don't have a car you're kind of stuck inventing your own fun."

Fortunately for students and beleaguered copies of "Old School" everywhere, the Office of Student Activities and Community Services (OSACS), Giant Productions and a host of other campus organizations are joining forces to create Eagle Nights. Eagle Nights is a new program that will offer students something safe and exciting to do once the sun goes down and the moon comes up.

Every week a different campus organization will sponsor a unique event that will include free breakfast food when the clock turns to the a.m. Giant Productions will offer such programs twice a month and according to Junior Co Chair of Giant Productions Sarah Eckman, students can look forward to more Bingo, a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament and live band karaoke just to name a few of the scheduled activities. Each month new posters will declare that month's attractions.

This month on September 3, The

Underground will sponsor a Twister tournament with prizes ranging from gift certificates to an iPod for those who can touch their right foot to red and their right hand to green at the same time. The next Saturday, Sept. 10, Giant Productions will bring MTV's game show "Singed Out"

back from the cancellation afterlife to UMW. Students can compete for dates with classmates and other prizes. On Sept. 17 Cheap Seats Cinema is presenting "The Breakfast Club" in The Underground for fans of big hair and neon pink leg warmers.

According to Director of Student Activities and Community Services Tammy Goodstein, OSACS investigated the need for late-night programming on campus last semester.

"This past year we did three pilot programs to see if there was any interest in a late night program," Goodstein said. "Attendance to the pilots was well over 200 people with each program. We saw there was a need for this kind of activity and this is a way to meet that need."

Last semester OSACS experimented with Bingo, a Battle of the Bands and a Texas Hold

'em poker tournament as forays into the late night programming void. When student reaction was so overwhelmingly positive, the office looked into creating a series of such programs. OSACS set aside \$1,000 grants made available through an application process for organizations

wanting to participate in Eagle Nights, according to Brienne Meagher, the associate director of student activities and community services. The program promotion process is similar to late-night programs at other institutions.

"We set aside grants for student organizations to participate in our late-night activities," said Assistant Director

of Student Activities for the College of William and Mary, Joe Lowder. "Last year we had a foam dance, late night concerts and a Bollywood [Indian] film festival with belly dancers."

At James Madison University, students are also offered a variety of late night activities on the weekends.

"We have a large stage where we book bands, live comedy and other live performances," said

program coordinator Shari Scofield. "We also offer free billiards and a coffee shop."

The presence of late-night programming at other institutions was a major motivator for similar programming on campus.

"Other institutions do [late night programming] and we really admire them for that," said co-manager of The Underground, Jess Rigel. "I hope this will be successful. I think it's a great way to bring campus together and a good way for clubs to really get creative."

Rigel is not the only one with high hopes for the program. Meagher also wants to see the program continue through the years.

"I hope it will carry on and build into a campus tradition," Meagher said.

Students like Simeone would also like the extra options for entertainment.

"I'm not really sure why there's not more to do on campus," she said. "I really like Bingo. Two thumbs up for Bingo."

In the end however, student turn out to the late night events will determine the events longevity.

"It depends on student interest," Goodstein said. "If interest is consistent we will continue the program through the fall, but if it's sporadic we will see how many times we will need the program per month."

Still, Rigel said the program is a great way to combat the boredom that sets in on weekends at the University of Mary Washington.

"The program is a great opportunity for people to stop being bored," she said. "It's nice that the school is finally catering to a late night crowd."

The Potentials (above) and Broken Blue Centerlight (inset) performed at a late night programming event last Spring.

Dan Coe/Bulletin

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—Maggie Simeone

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New CDs This Week

1. Macy Gray: "Live in Las Vegas"
2. Death Cab for Cutie: "Plans"
3. Ok Go: "Oh No"
4. Kanye West: "Late Registration"

All CD release dates were Aug. 30, 2005.
All CD cover art courtesy of allmusic.com.

Top 3 Movies

Photos courtesy of imdb.com



1. "The Forty Year Old Virgin"



2. "The Brothers Grimm"



3. "Red Eye"

And Some Advice For Freshmen...



"Don't drink more than five times a week!"

**Brianna Egan,
Senior**



"Clip your fingernails."

**Chase Llewellyn,
Senior**



"Beware of Seaco!"

**David Spencer,
Sophomore**



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**Latera Jenkins,
Sophomore**



Get out and take advantage of campus."

**Stephanie Painter,
Senior**

Andrew Deci/Bullet



Courtesy Pash

From left: Drummer Jon Bibb, guitarist Erik Bruner, singer-guitarist Merideth Munoz. Not pictured: Bassist Ryan McLaughlin.

Pash "Explodes" With Latest CD

By **ZACH BOWMAN**
Assistant Scene Editor

The band Pash is named for an Australian slang term for "kiss," though you won't find any white make-up, black studded leather or tongues of unusual length lurking in the shadows between this group's tracks. This indie rock band is composed of University of Mary Washington students and their cohorts and they are back with the new album "Kingwood." The 11-track disk is the product of 10 days worth of hard work in the studio, according to guitarist Erik Bruner, a senior.

"I like [the album]," said drummer Jonathan Bibb, also a senior. "I think it was a learning experience for everyone."

A learning experience it might have been, but the quartet manages to push heart-felt lyrics and capable talent through less than impressive mixing. The tracks are a concoction of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and a coherent Mars Volta, with all the bittersweet licks of pre-enlightened Alanis Morissette – minus the pop tendencies. The result is a disk full of songs that are both unique and promising.

This uniqueness is derived from 2005 UMW alumnus and lead singer Merideth Munoz's own experience.

"I get inspiration from a lot of different places," she said. "I guess a big influence is relationships – good and bad."

"Kingwood" is a disk full of landmark songs for the band. Songs like "Birthday" and "Exploding" were benchmarks for the group according to Munoz.

"Birthdays" was one of the first songs I ever wrote," Munoz said. "Exploding" was the first song we wrote as a full band. We also played that song at the talent show the

first time we ever played and we won, so that was pretty exciting for us."

Other songs on the album are favorites without being historically important to the band. For example "Palindrome," the ninth track on the CD is almost unanimously the band's favorite.

"Palindrome" is without a doubt my favorite," Bibb said. "I think it translates well from when we play [the song] live."

Munoz agreed that the song has a certain lure.

"I think it's just a presence about the song," she said. "It

has so much energy and it's just really fun to play. I think that when everyone is really excited about it, it turns out the way you want [the song] to."

Despite the fact that the band's lead singer graduated last year, they still have hopes of sticking together and working on their sound. Pash went on a two-week tour this past summer with their new bassist Ryan McLaughlin and the band Karmella's Gang. The tour started in Fredericksburg and ran all the way up to Connecticut and plunged back down into North

Carolina before returning home.

"The Soapbox in Wilmington, North Carolina was my favorite venue," said McLaughlin. "It was really comfortable. The city was really quaint and there was a Laundromat in the back so we could wash our clothes. The atmosphere and everything was awesome."

Through the years the band has grown together and Munoz has hopes for the future.

"I think we were simpler when we first started," Munoz said. "We're not afraid to play songs that experiment with time signatures. Next summer we hope to have enough money for another tour."



Courtesy Pash

Pash rocks out at the Nanci Raygun in Richmond.

Bullet Hits

*A Look Inside A Bullet
Editor's Top Five Picks*



By **KATY HERSHBERGER**
Scene Editor

1. **"Stand By Me" (1986)** is the story of four young boys on a trek to find the body of a missing teenager. Based on Stephen King's novella "The Body," the film chronicles the boys' friendship and personal dramas. Director Rob Reiner pulls shining performances out of such young actors to create a poignant story set in 1950's Oregon. This is the movie that made me fall in love with the late River Phoenix, a short-lived and oft-forgotten cultural icon and heartthrob. Take notice of a chubby Jerry O'Connell and cameos by John Cusack.

2. **"The Princess Bride" (1987)** is the second Rob Reiner film on my list. Before Robin Wright added Penn to her last name and Cary Elwes lost his charming British accent, they starred in this classic story-within-a-story, where an old man reads his sick grandson a tale of giants, swordfights, and most importantly, true love. Blockbuster categorizes it as Adventure, but it would be much more at home in the Fantasy section with "The Never-Ending Story" or Comedy with "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Despite a bit of genre confusion, this movie is well-known and thus extremely quotable.

3. **"Empire Records" (1995)** is one of the definitive movies of the 1990s. Ostensibly, the film is merely about an independent record store and the rag-tag bunch of employees that try to keep it from going out of business. But just beneath the surface lie the personal issues of the staff's problems that they take to work with them. This is a cross between comedy and drama, punctuated by a soundtrack full of decade-old alternative rock, including the Gin Blossoms, the Cranberries and Toad the Wet Sprocket.

4. **"SLC Punk!" (1998)** depicts disenfranchised young anarchists in 1985, trying to maintain their unorthodox lifestyle within the conservative strictures of Salt Lake City. Loosely based on writer-director James Merendino's life, this is a coming-of-age story for the protagonist Stevo (played stunningly by Matthew Lillard), who learns to grow up but not out of his ideals. The direction and storyline are sometimes disjointed and chaotic, mirroring the anarchy the characters value so highly. Though grounded in the 1980s punk scene, this film is accessible even to those unfamiliar with the Sex Pistols.

5. **"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004)** is the most recent addition to my list, barely nudging "Newsies" out of the number five spot. A bunch of quirky and mediocre men, lead by Peter La Fleur (Vince Vaughn), try to win a dodgeball tournament in order to save their beloved Average Joe's Gymnasium from being bought out by the impersonal corporate Globo Gym and its owner, White Goodman (Ben Stiller). The humor here is not just of a slapstick nature (people getting hit with balls is always funny) but also intelligent. Allusions to Jonathan Swift's "Gullivers Travels" and Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky," probably soar unnoticed over many viewers' heads. Vaughn's deadpan comedic delivery is a perfect contrast to Stiller's hyperactive, over-the-top character. The only problem with the film is that Stiller tends to be too ridiculous and, though funny, sometimes just falls into the realm of annoying. However, an inspiring cameo by Lance Armstrong nearly makes up for any of the movie's shortcomings.

Guess the movie!

"I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was twelve. Jesus, does anyone?"

Answer: Stand By Me

News

Parking: Demand Exceeds Supply



Revealing a lack of available parking, cars line up on College Avenue. Spots are scarce around campus.

806
available
parking spaces
1,216
parking decals
issued as of
Wednesday



How Much Does A Violation Cost?

\$15 ticket:

- Not parked in painted lines or designated spaces
- Parked beyond posted time limit
- Parked in grass, curb or roadway
- Other violations specified on ticket
- Vehicle facing wrong direction

\$25 ticket:

- Parked along yellow curb
- Not parked in assigned decal permit area
- Student in faculty/staff space
- Faculty/staff in student space
- Failure to properly display decal
- Parked in service vehicle spot
- Parked in reserved parking spot

\$150 ticket:

- Failure to register vehicle
- Parked in or blocking access to handicap space

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"The city of Fredericksburg can probably look forward to more and more students unable to find on-campus spaces, avoiding campus tickets by parking on side streets and at the Giant," said junior Rob Chapman.

However, efforts to regulate parking in the city of Fredericksburg are being upheld.

"We've worked extensively with Fredericksburg police to establish responsibility for parking," Snipes said. "They are forming detailed parking enforcement."

Campus police will not be lenient with parking enforcement either, Snipes said.

"Students are required to park in the appropriate area," Snipes said. "I understand their concerns, but there isn't a whole lot we can do."

If a student cannot find a parking space and it is after hours, Snipes advises parking in a non 24-hour faculty parking space and moving the vehicle before 7 a.m. to avoid a being issued a ticket.

On Monday and Tuesday alone, over 100 parking tickets were issued to students parked in faculty spots.

As parking spots become a commodity to be vied for, Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, urged students who do not need everyday transportation to leave their cars at home.

"Parking is the No. 1 issue on college campuses across our nation," Chirico said. "It will be more of a premium this year during deck construction."

According to Chirico, the deck will not be ready until 2006, although all students must pay to support the deck through the purchase of a 150 dollar parking pass.

"I remember when [parking] was free," said senior Mary Hartley. "[The fee] is necessary, but I'm not going to get to use it ever because I'm graduating."

There is a light at the end of the parking tunnel for many students.

"Once the parking deck is completed, the consultant's study indicates that the number of spaces available will accommodate the University," Chirico said.

Ground preparation began Tuesday, Aug. 30, with the arrival of the construction trailer and erection of a safety fence.

"Construction will take approximately 10-12 months," Chirico said. "The deck should be ready for use in the 2006 fall semester."

Assistant News Editor Leah Triplett contributed to this story.

Apartment Extensions Absent From Directory

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Virginia Ashley, assistant director of the department of information technologies said.

She said the error occurred because of the way the program was written. It was designed to include the residence halls based on their four letter abbreviation. However, since the abbreviation for the UMW Apartments is five letters long (UMAPT), that data was omitted.

"We managed to get the building and room, but when we used that system, it just blended in with the sea of other data," Ashley said. "We just missed it when we looked."

The office of University Relations and Legislative Affairs coordinated the creation and distribution efforts of the phone directories for the first time this year. Previously, Voice Services handled the directories Margaret Mock, director of university relations said. However, since Voice Services was downsized following last year's elimination of an on-campus long distance plan, their duties were distributed to other offices.

"There was no error in the records but in the way the records were pulled," Mock said. "We really rely on the data coming through the IT department."

All student, faculty and staff information that is included in the directory is compiled on campus, then sent to College Directory Publishing in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. A paper version is sent back to the University for

Proof reading. It is then returned to the company for the final product.

"In our office we don't read over 4,000 names. We just glance through and look for major omissions," Mock said.

Mock said the error was not caught during the proof reading stage because many people who live off campus, in non-university housing do not have their phone numbers listed.

"Having students with numbers missing didn't raise a red flag," she said.

The directories also did not arrive on time

because of an equipment malfunction at the publishing company, Mock said. Normally, the directories arrive before the freshmen do, however this year they were not delivered until a couple of days after freshman move-in.

"Things like that happen that no one can really avoid," Mock said.

Administrators were not made aware of the omission until Aug. 29, after the directories had already been distributed

in residence halls and to faculty and staff.

Mock hopes that the directory of UMW Apartment phone numbers will be available sometime next week. The condensed directory will be made available in both electronic PDF and hard paper copy versions.

"We assumed that most students would want the PDF," Mock said.

Only a limited number of special directories will be printed. Mock said students will be notified via e-mail when and where they can be picked up.

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Viewpoints



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Quit Guzzling Gas

By **BETSY CRUMB**
Editor in Chief

Generations ago, Americans knew how to sacrifice. Our parents and grandparents lived through times like World War II and the Depression. The economic situation meant more Americans lived closer to work and walked there from their small suburban homes (perhaps this is a function of the fact that usually there was only one car to be had per family). Even into the 1970s, when oil was being rationed off, our ancestors grabbed a sweater and turned down the heat.

Yet, despite gas prices that are skyrocketing off the charts, very few Americans seem inclined to change their ways like our predecessors. According to the New York Times, in 1975 minivans and SUVs accounted for only 20 percent of the automotive market. Now, merely 30 years later, SUVs make up more than half of all automotive sales nationwide. One of the number-one selling SUVs includes the Hummer H2, which, let's not forget, is a behemoth-like vehicle that was originally designed for military use and now somehow, has been allowed to share (and I use that verb very loosely) the open road.

Very simply put, these vehicles are abusing the earth single-handedly. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), one of the most important things you can do to reduce global warming pollution is to buy a vehicle with higher fuel economy.

This is because every gallon of gasoline your vehicle burns puts 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere. An average SUV will emit around 100 tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere in its lifetime.

One of the most common pro-SUV comments focuses on the fact that people think SUVs are a safer car. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government agency studying the safety of SUVs, contrary to popular belief these automobiles are in fact more dangerous, as they increase the chance of roll over propensity and crash compatibility. SUVs roll over in 37 percent of fatal crashes, compared with only 15 percent of small sedans. But aside from these statistics, it seems pretty selfish and arrogant to buy a bigger car to protect yourself when by virtue of doing so, you make everyone else on the road less safe.

I guess this argument could be combated with the ideology that it's a free country, and Americans can do as they like. Well, let's think about smoking. Smoking is slowly becoming illegal in many public places in many different states. Why? Because of the effect second-hand smoke has on other people, it is deemed an unwelcome habit because it puts other people in danger. Huh, interesting. Sounds like if SUVs are polluting the earth almost twice as much as other vehicles, they too should be considered illegal in public places.

However, it seems apparent that Americans are in no hurry to eschew the comfortable life we all lead. SUVs pollute the environment and they increase our dependency on foreign oil.

Yeah, hybrid cars are a good idea, but they're awfully small aren't they? And biking is just too much damn exercise. And hey, we're not going to be around in 200 years when the earth is so polluted it's unlivable anyway, so why bother, right?

The only "Red Sox" senior Betsy Crumb likes are the ones she puts on her feet.

Pay Attention: Social Security

By **ANDREW LAMAR**
Guest Columnist

August 14 marked 70 years of American Social Security, a program that has been the backbone of retirement for many Americans. My grandma tells me she's getting old and things just don't work as well for her as they did when she was young. Social Security, just like Grandma, is getting old, too. The reality is that when things get older, circumstances change and everything doesn't work exactly as it did when it was created.

In 1945, shortly after it began, Social Security had 42 workers paying for each retiree's benefits. Today, there are only 3.3 workers paying for each retiree, and by 2025 there will only be two workers per retiree. In other words, every working couple in America will soon pay the benefits of an individual retiree on top of their own expenses.

Every year since its creation, this program has taken in more money than it has given out. Congress has managed to spend every dollar of that surplus, claiming only to be borrowing it from a "Social Security Trust Fund." In fact, this "trust fund" is nothing more than a filing cabinet in a small office in West Virginia packed full of "IOUs" reminding the Congress that it owes itself money. Don't let Congress, or anyone, fool you. There is no money there; owing itself doesn't count. In 2008, large numbers of baby boomers begin to retire, and by 2018, the program's outlays will outweigh the revenues. The program will have to give out more money to retirees than it collects from workers. With no remaining surplus, there will be no money to pay retiree benefits.

To cover this shortfall, Congress either has to hike taxes or slash benefits. These simply are not options. Individuals pay FICA taxes every week to the government as part of a promise that the government will provide a monthly social security check upon retirement. No person should have to give more money away to get what they were already promised, just so Congress can more easily fund its own pet projects. The tax

increases necessary to cover the shortfall would not be minor, and could possibly double or even triple the FICA taxes Americans now pay.

Of course, benefits will not be cut. Old people (retirees receiving benefits) vote; you do not. Fortunately, there is a plan that will reintroduce solvency to American Social Security, and at the same time allow people to own their own personal retirement accounts. The president's plan will allow people to build a nest egg for retirement that they own. Congress should fix this problem once and for all by supporting the president's plan for personal accounts and at the same time let people own their own retirement plan.

As a 20-year-old student, this issue is particularly important to me. Former New York Democratic Senator Moynihan calls doing nothing about the current situation "outright thievery" from younger workers. We will certainly see none of the money we are putting into the program if nothing changes. We must do something about it. After all, it is your money, not the government's.

Workers at or nearing retirement will see no change from the current program, and workers younger than 55 will have an option of whether to join this program. For that reason, I cannot understand why those older age groups are most opposed to solving the problem. Younger Americans, including students our age, support this plan more than any other age group in America.

The reality is that this will affect you and me. Without an effective solution, today's young people will never see their Social Security money at retirement, or they will have paid outrageously high taxes for what is already an egregious return on their investment. Americans should support this plan to give younger Americans a choice, and a chance to receive their Social Security when they retire.

One thing is for sure: if you don't speak up, you will be ignored by Congress when it begins debating later this month. Students: get involved and make a difference now.

Andrew Lamar is a junior and chair of the College Republicans.

Fine, I'll Buy The Thing

Mary Washington Student Wonders If The Price Of \$150 Parking Permits Outweighs The Cost Of Tickets

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suggests, isn't really an option. I live off-campus, but even when I didn't, I had a job off campus.

I'm at a moral crossroads. I'm a firm believer in following the rules, but

anyone who knows me knows I'm stingy and cheap and I don't like to spend hard-earned money. I want to save it for when I graduate. I figure, since I'm going into a notoriously low-paying field (journalism), in a notoriously low-wage area (Alabama, no lie, quit laughing, I mean it), I'm going to have to live in a box on the street no matter what. So I'd like to have some money saved to put a door on the box and maybe even buy a fan and some rat poison.

I'm still undecided about buying the sticker. Of course, I know if I don't get a decal, I risk getting a gazillion-dollar ticket (okay, actually \$150) for failing to register my vehicle.

Do the benefits outweigh the costs with a risk factor add-in? I'm majoring in economics, and I think we've done problems like that in classes before. I could have thought it out economically, but my brain is really fried from going to school since I was 5 years old.

I think I've reached my threshold for thinking.

I know tons of people don't buy stickers and park illegally. I'm just not sure if I'm ready to be a rebel.

Back up.

I wrote the majority of my column Monday. On Wednesday, however, a new development transpired. I received, for the first time during my

career as a Mary Washington student, something I've prided myself on never having, something I'd been pretty cocky about never having: a parking ticket.

I got a ticket for parking by a yellow curb near Seacobeck. There was not a sign that said no parking. I'd parked there because, for one, there were no other legal spots, and two, I wanted to be close to *The Buller* office. (As a sidenote, I'd like to add how thankless working for *The Buller* actually is: I don't get

paid, I bust my ass, the student body hates us and now I get a \$10 city of Fredericksburg parking ticket?!) Okay, I know I parked the wrong way, and I'm going somewhere with this: I took it as a sign that I should suck it up and register my car.

Maybe there are more registered cars than parking spots (about 408 more, to be precise) and I'll have to walk a mile to class every day, but I'm not ready to take my chances.

I figured it must be a sign. It wasn't my first time pulling a yellow-curb.

Katie Teller is a senior who really, really hates to spend money.

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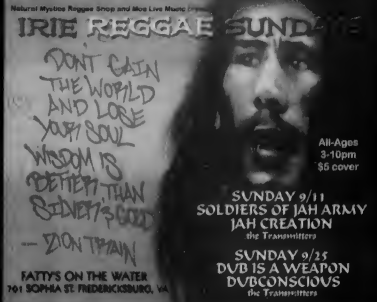
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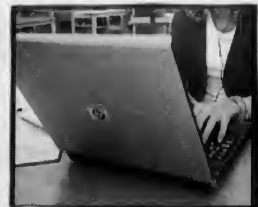
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Women's Volleyball Begins Season With Two Returners

Team Lacking Experience Due To Injuries, Transfers

By STEPHANIE POTTER
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Eagles volleyball program faces a challenging start to the upcoming 2005 season, with just two returning players on their 13-woman roster.

According to head coach Dee Conway, a series of injuries and transfers are in account for the low return rate, but despite the team's shortcoming, players are looking forward to the season.

Conway is optimistic.

"It's a work in progress, but they're doing well to work together as a unit," she said. "From what I can tell, I like what I see."

The Eagles women finished sixth in the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament last season, falling uncharacteristically early in the opening round at Marymount University in just three games.

In 2003, the team placed third in the conference tournament, led by then junior libero Jackie Durr, who concluded her four-year career as Mary Washington's all time leader in digs with a record of 1,530 in 2004.

Sophomore hitter Jessica Mims' back injury curtailed her playing time last season, and has prevented her from playing again this season.

Despite these setbacks, the team is looking to return to their former glory this year, and the future looks bright.

With Conway's coaching focusing on team

play instead of the individual skills proves evident in her optimism about the starting lineup.

"Every player is bringing something to the team. Kelley Huber is going to see a lot of action as an outside hitter, in fact she's probably going to be a starting outside hitter," Conway said.

"We're going to have two freshmen middle hitters and two freshmen setters. We're also going to have freshmen in the defensive libero position. So that should be exciting in itself," she said.

Junior Johanna Carpenter is looking forward to this season.

"It is a very unfortunate situation [to lose so many teammates] and I will miss all of the players who didn't return, but I am optimistic for this year's fresh start," she said. "We are just getting to know each other on the court, but so far things are going well. I have to trust the new players to give everything they have to the rest of the team and I have every confidence that they will do their best."

Sophomore Acadia Owen agrees.

"I'm very confident that it'll be a good season. The team is coming together great," she said. "In fact, better than a lot of teams that I've played on in the past. I really look forward to future years with them, they're a lot of fun."

Owen emerged last season as the starting

outside hitter, a position that nearly won her the CAC Rookie of the Year award. She held the first place ranking on the team with a .213 hitting percentage and was second in both kills and blocks with 219 and 73, respectively.

She promises to be a pivotal player this year as well and will give much needed experience to an otherwise inexperienced team.

Despite the young squad, there are some promising newcomers.

Freshman libero Whitney Rottman mentioned a few minor setbacks in regards to the teams turnover, but remained confident in the Eagles' ability to prevail.

"The only thing that hurts us by having two returning players is that in preseason we had to spend most of [our time] learning our defense and offense and Coach's expectations instead of having older players to look at to perfect our game," Rottman said. "But we are doing really well on the account that we have only been playing with each other a little over a week."

The Eagles face off against top opponents Randolph-Macon College, Catholic University, and Washington & Lee University this year, as well as participating in the competitive Gettysburg College, Washington College, and McDaniel College Tournaments.

Their opening game is Thursday at 7 p.m. in Goolrick Gymnasium.



Andrew Decci/Bullet

Head coach Dee Conway blows her whistle during a volleyball practice.

Junior Snags Job With The Washington Nationals, Now Prepares For Soccer Season

By AMANDA BURNHAM
Assistant Sports Editor

After a busy summer working in close quarters with the Washington Nationals, a major league baseball along with other jobs, University of Mary Washington men's soccer co-captain Glenn Gray is looking forward to a promising fall season.

Gray spent his summer working between six to ten games per month with the Washington D.C.-based MLB team on the tarp crew with about 12 to 16 other workers.

Gray was very pleased with his summer work. "I got to go to the games and sit right out on the field right next to the dug-out," said Gray. "I got to meet most of the players and managers as well. I had a great time."

Not only did Gray have the opportunity to work at several baseball games, he also held an internship at an investment company and worked about eight soccer camps, preparing him for a tough season starting up this Saturday for the men's soccer team.

The Capital Athletic Conference will be very strong again this year, facing a challenge to the young Eagles team who ended their season last year with a loss in the semifinals to Salisbury University.

However, after only having two scrimmages so far, the men's soccer team is expecting to have a very successful season.

"We won in our scrimmage last Thursday against Hampden Sydney, then lost in a pretty rough scrimmage against Shenandoah last Saturday," said Gray.

"The weather was terrible and our guys kept getting pretty hurt, including Elliot Jones in goal who got about three staples in his head. It was a rough scrimmage," said Gray.

Despite some other serious injuries on the team, co-captains Gray and junior Bryan Hargrove are looking to lead the team in the men's first game this Saturday.

The Eagles will host the UMW Soccer Classic this weekend at the Battleground fields, playing Gettysburg on Saturday and Lynchburg on Sunday both at 3:30 pm.

"We've played Gettysburg before and they are usually strong, but we have never played Lynchburg before," said Gray. "Both of them should be pretty good games."

With a broad range of ages on the team of 17 returnees and 11 freshmen, the players are anticipating an exciting season.

"We have another year of experience from last year, but we still are a young team. Our freshmen are looking really good though, and

with several injuries on the team, a few of them are going to have to step it up this weekend," Gray said. "I have no doubt that they are ready for it."

Several conference teams are going to pose a threat to head coach Roy Gordon's Eagles. In particular, the Salisbury University Seagulls have remained dominant in CAC play, only losing one senior this season.

However, the Eagles are confident and are looking for a shot at the NCAA's later this year.

"Some soccer rules have changed this year and now the NCAA is looking to take 16 wildcard teams based on the overall record rather than just the conference winners," said Gray. "So even if we don't win conferences, we are still looking to make it to the NCAA's."

With several home games on the schedule, the Eagles are confident for the upcoming season. After a summer of baseball and soccer training, Gray is looking to lead the team to a strong year.

"It's great to be back at school, and the soccer season is going to be a good one," he said. "Although the CAC is a tough conference I think we should be pretty competitive, I have no doubt that we'll be able to pull through and have some big wins."



Courtesy Clint Otten

Junior Glenn Gray poses in his soccer uniform. Gray worked on the tarp crew this summer for the Washington Nationals major league baseball team and is now preparing for the upcoming soccer season.

Eagles' Soccer Looks To Dominate CAC

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a lot of new things coming into college that upper classmen don't."

That being said, Glaeser is optimistic about his newcomers.

"It's a very strong class. I like their technical ability and I think they're going to be a solid foundation for the next couple of years," he said.

One of the harder positions to replace this year has been that of goalkeeper after having had All-CAC Fulco dominate in the conference last season, recording nine shutouts, 81 saves, and only 17 goals. In Fulco's absence, Glaeser will look to freshmen Kate Connolly and Laura McCarthy to step in.

"Athletically, the goal keepers we have this year are ahead of where [Fulco] was when she was a freshman, but they have some learning to do and we're going to have to help them out with our defense," he said.

Senior Jacqui Forsythe is expected to be the top returner and new leader for the Eagles after scoring seven goals last year and being named to the first team all-CAC. However, Forsythe doesn't see herself as any different from the other returning players.

"My role this season is the same as any other upperclassman," she said. "We have to bring our experience from previous seasons to the field and help the new players with their transition into the collegiate level."

Glaeser will also look to several returning defensive players to play well early on, but believes that it's the team's offense that needs to improve from last year.

"We weren't a consistent offensive team. More often than not our defense bailed out our

offense. We weren't consistently good decision makers about where the ball needs to go. Our composure shooting the ball wasn't as good either. We're not a great group of offensive minds right now, but that will take some time," he said.

Offense will be key for UMW to remain at the top of the CAC this season. The Eagles

“Last year we were winning 1-0 and the other team was outplaying us. Sooner or later it's going to mean enough to somebody to step up with composure to make it really difficult for us to keep on winning.”

-Head coach Kurt Glaeser

do have a winning tradition on their side, having won the CAC championship 13 of the 15 years the conference has been around, but are on the radar of most CAC teams as the school to beat. According to Glaeser, this can be both an advantage and a disadvantage to the team.

"Our girls have figured out over the years that

after we come back from the national tournament we're basically a big target for everyone and you're always going to get the best game people have to give you," he said. "Last year the girls developed a 'not on my watch' mentality and I think that's a healthy thing. Every year you hope they come in with that approach to things."

UMW will have to consistently bring their A game not only because they are a well-known threat, but because of the increasing competitiveness within the CAC as well.

"The entire CAC has gotten so much better," said Glaeser. "I think we've been caught in a lot of ways. Last year we were winning 1-0 and the other team was outplaying us. Sooner or later it's going to mean enough to somebody to step up with composure to make it really difficult for us to keep on winning, so you hope your girls develop that sense of intensity as well."

Salisbury University, York College, Catholic University, and Marymount University are all teams in the top half of the CAC that pose potential threats to UMW's quest for another undefeated season in the conference.

According to Glaeser, the Eagles will be facing several very talented non-conference opponents as well, including the College of New Jersey, a team Mary Washington has only beaten once in 15 attempts.

With that said, Forsythe doesn't doubt her team's potential.

"We have great team chemistry and it will only get better as the season goes on. We have some tough competition ahead of us but I think we have the potential to exceed all expectations," she said.

The Eagles' will have a chance to prove that when they travel to Gettysburg for their season opener against Rochester on Saturday.



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A UMW women's soccer player concentrates during a kicking drill in soccer practice. After making it to the quarterfinals last season, the Eagles have high hopes this year, despite losing several players to graduation. However, a strong UMW winning tradition and a good recruiting class shows promise for the season.

Sports

Women's Soccer Ranked 16th

*Preseason Poll
Has High Hopes
For Eagles Squad*

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

Chances are there's going to be a big, red bull's-eye on the back of every University of Mary Washington women's soccer player this season.

The Eagles are once again the team to beat in the Capital Athletic Conference after being ranked 16th in the nation in a recent National Soccer Coaches' Association preseason poll.

While Head Coach Kurt Glaeser is expecting great things from this year's team, he admitted he thinks that this year's ranking is a bit too kind.

"I wouldn't rank us that high because there are too many unknowns right now and so many freshmen," he said. "It's nice for notoriety but it's where you are at the end of the season that counts."

The Eagles will attempt to pick up where they left off last season after losing five key seniors, including All-CAC goalkeeper Mary Elizabeth Fulco and CAC player of the year Kathryn Amirpashaie.

Led by Fulco and Amirpashaie, the Eagles made it all the way to the national quarterfinals last fall before losing to Messiah College, 3-0.

After losing eight players to graduation—the year before and five this year, head coach Kurt Glaeser understands the Eagles will have to deal



Andrew Dees/Bullet

Katie Patchett poses with her teammates for a team picture. After graduating five key seniors, the women's soccer team will have to focus on rebuilding and developing the skills of the large freshman class.

with the issues that arise with such a large freshman class.

"It's kind of like a two year graduation

problem and sooner or later we're going to have to pay the piper with having new players on the field," he said. "No matter how talented

incoming players are, freshmen have to deal with

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Tennis Center Grand Opening In Sight

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

The wait is finally over.

After a five month delay, the University of Mary Washington's indoor tennis center will be complete in time for a grand opening on Sept. 24. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for a day of free tennis, clinics and prizes.

According to Athletic Director Ed Hegmann, the center was originally scheduled to open in the spring of 2005 but still isn't complete for various reasons.

"The general contractor and sub contractor gave every excuse [for the delay], whether it was from a lack of materials to a lack of contractors," Hegmann said. "It's about five months late and I can't be excited about that."

Despite the delays, Hegmann is still optimistic.

"What has been finished so far has been pretty good, but it's like anything else. Until it gets into operation, we have to wait and see," he said.

Construction of the six court indoor facility began last fall, funded by a combination of

private donors, the Pepsi company, and the University of Mary Washington.

Hegmann explained the process of receiving funds that made the thought of an indoor tennis center a reality.

"A donor comes forward and says, 'I'd like to help the University of Mary Washington get a tennis center. I think it would be good for the university and the community and I'd really like to help out with this donation.' We then got a donation from Pepsi and the rest came from the school," he said.

The indoor facility is for the community of Fredericksburg as well as the campus and does not give priority to UMW tennis teams or students, Hegmann said.

"There's no such thing as priority," he said. "Everyone seems to be using that word and it's kind of a scary word to me because we're going to try to do what William and Mary and Virginia Tech did."

According to Hegmann, the facility was built for the entire Fredericksburg community.

"We're going to try to accommodate the needs of a lot of constituencies and anytime you do that, there are going to be times when one



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The new indoor tennis center will open on September 24 for a day of free tennis, clinics, and prizes. The facility will be available to both UMW students and the Fredericksburg community.

constituency thinks they ought to have priority over another," he said. "No one's going to get the opportunity to kick someone off the court, so to speak," he said.

The center will be open from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. Monday thru Friday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Fees for the center have been put in place as well. Students will have to pay four dollars and hour for singles and two dollars and hour for

doubles. Prices are higher for faculty and staff, as well as the Fredericksburg community.

Prices were based on fees at the William & Mary and Virginia Tech. indoor tennis centers, explains Hegmann.

Tennis lessons will also be available through tennis director Don Patrick.

The tennis center will be the host for the 2006 NCAA Division III National Championships this spring.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1 - Field Hockey vs. Johns Hopkins, 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Washington MD, 7 p.m.

Sept. 3 - Men's Soccer vs. Gettysburg, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Rochester, 2 p.m.
Cross Country at Shenandoah Relays, 10:30 p.m.

